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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 137

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Commending the Carillon Civic Association.

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WHEREAS, the Carillon neighborhood, a vibrant, architecturally rich, and culturally diverse residential area nestled in an idyllic setting located on the west side of Byrd Park in the heart of Richmond is named for the historic bell tower, the centerpiece of the park, built to commemorate World War I; and

WHEREAS, the Carillon neighborhood is an established community in which multigenerational families take pride in up to four generations of homeownership, and residents "representing different races and ethnicities, ages, socioeconomic standing, sexual orientation, religions, and political beliefs" reside in harmony and enjoy the rich heritage and history of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Carillon neighborhood has a long tradition of civic engagement and philanthropy; in 1968, the Carillon Civic Association was founded to nurture integration, promote the unique and historical aspects of the neighborhood, support the energy and fellowship of the residents, and offer cultural benefits to the City of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, from the proceeds of the Carillon Civic Association's award-winning "Arts in the Park" event started in 1972, the volunteer organization has donated thousands of dollars in grants to area charities and service organizations and provides ongoing support of the neighborhood's many amenities for history buffs, outdoorsmen, and artists, including Maymont Park, Byrd Park, Dogwood Dell, and The Carillon Tower; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Carillon community worked together to support diversity and housing equality, prompting Governor Linwood Holton to commend the neighborhood as a model for successful integration during a turbulent era in the history of the Commonwealth; and in 2012, nearly 15,000 citizens assembled on grounds previously owned by two prominent slaveholders to welcome the nation's first African American President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Carillon Civic Association celebrated its 45th anniversary in 2013, and its many outstanding achievements during these years to enhance the quality of life for its residents and the City of Richmond are a model for other communities in the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Carillon Civic Association hereby be commended; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Carillon Civic Association as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations on its 45th anniversary and best wishes for continued success.

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